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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

ARRIVALS.

March 23, Condor, German bark, 363, H. Sieffens, Arrived 19th March, Ballast—Siemens & Co.

March 23, GRENADON, British s.s. 1,775, Hock, Kow, 16th March, Ballast—J. D. M. Matheson & Co.

March 23, CHUN-TUNG, Chin. gunboat, from Ping-Ho.

March 23, MACTAN, Spanish steamer, 371, Equiano, Manila 19th March, General—Russell & Co.

March 23, WEST STANLEY, British steamer, 993, Ashby, Chinkiang 18th March, Rice—Russell & Co.

March 23, FUY-TEW, Chinese steamer, 920, A. Croad, Canton 21st March, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

March 23, JESUS JAMESON, British bark, G. West, Keelung 12th March, General—D. Laprade & Co.

March 23, OCCIDENT, German bark, 243, Reuter, Singapore 24th Jan, Timber—Chinese.

March 23, ALEX., British s.s. 1,524, Kidd, Amy 21st March, General—Burke & Swire.

March 23, ORION, British bark, 881, Scott, Ballast 31st January, Salt—Arnold, Karsberg & Co.

March 23, A. NEWTON, British bark, 908, A. Newton, Whampoa 20th March, General—Rozario & Co.

March 23, H. F. MEYER, British s.s. 1,572, H. F. Meyer & Co.

March 23, NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMIS-

SION AGENT, under the Style of Firm of R. STEVENS & Co., who will hence-

ward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIA-

IAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

March 23, 28th December, 1877. [1878]

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on the 31st December, 1877.

TO LET.

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EXTRACTS.

IMMORTAL LONGINGS.

A world of death! The milky bawn-bell
The purple mountain's snowy morn,
The gloomy hill that babbles through the dell,
Caves, yielding place to others; but the same;
Great blade or bloom we ne'er again behold;
Now snows efface the hill-top's summer gold;
Now rinnell pour their wadeless Can we claim

We only, guardians of eternal life!

Perish the doubts! And then thy longing soul,
The beating heart, thy bosom's noble strife
With sin, thy yearning for a final goal

When here shall we drop, despair, or groan;

Heed what the toll of comfort and believe

—*Postscript Works of Edmund J. Arnold.*

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

The Duke now prepared to go out to his carriage, which was waiting at the door, and as he went through the hall, still followed by the French gentlemen. Colonel Trial whispered something in his ear. He turned to listen, and at the same moment a knife was plunged into his heart, and there left sticking. Plucking it out with the word "Villain!" he fell, covered with blood. His servants, who caught him as he was falling, thought it was a stroke of apoplexy; but the blood both from the wound and his mouth quickly indicated them. Then an alarm was raised; some ran to close the gates, and others rushed forth to spread the news. The Duchess of Buckingham and her sister, the Countess of Anagnes, heard the noise in their chamber, and ran into the gallery in the lobby, where they saw the Duke lying in his gore. He was only in his six-and-thirtieth year. The first suspicion fell upon the French, and they were in greater danger than the Duke's people; but when a number of officers came rushing in, crying out, "Where is the villain? Where is the butcher?" a man stepped calmly forward, saying, "I am the man—here I am!" He had quietly withdrawn into the kitchen as soon as he had done the deed, and might have escaped had he so wished. On hearing him avow the murder the officers drew their swords, and would have despatched him, but were prevented by the secretary Carlton, Sir Thomas Moreton, and others, who stood guard over him till a detachment of soldiers arrived and conveyed him to the governor's cell. The assassin turned out to be John Falton, a gentleman by birth and education, who had been a Lieutenant in the army during the expedition to the Isle of Rhodes. He had thrown up his commission because he could not obtain the arrears of pay, and had seen another at the same time promoted over his head. He had, therefore, what Hizley, a personal grudge against the Duke, but had also been led on by religious fanaticism. He was a stout, dark, military-looking man, from Suffolk; but, according to his own account, was first excited to the deed by reading the remonstrance of the Parliament against the Duke, when it seemed to him that that remonstrance was a sufficient warrant for the act, and that by ridding the country of him he should render a real service to it. He described himself as walking in London on Tower Hill, when he saw a broad hunting knife on a cutter's stall, and that it was suggested to him instantly to buy it for this purpose. At Portsmouth, one of the royal chaplains was sent to him in his dungeon, where he lay heavily ironed; but Falton, supposing the chaplain sent to draw something from him rather than for his consolation, said, "Sir, I shall be brief with you; I killed him for the cause of God, and my country!" The chaplain, to mislead him, told him what was not true, that the surgeons gave hopes of his life; but Falton promptly replied, "That is impossible! I had the power of forty men, assisted by His who could do if there would but take up this work!"

If there was one man in Cork city, who pre-eminently had tried every other way of recusing and uplifting the people, it was he. What had he not done, what had he not tried, and yet did not this drink curse start up at every turn to baffle and defeat his every endeavour?

But was not William Martin's scheme a mad and impracticable idea? Was it not already consigned to failure by the good-humoured laughter of the city? Could he indeed do what his friend believed?

For some days Father Mathew considered the whole subject seriously. One morning, as he rose from his knees in his little oratory, he exclaimed aloud, "Here goes, in the name of God!"

An hour afterwards he was in the office of William Martin, "Friend William," said he, "I have come to tell you a piece of news. I mean to join your temperature so-ciaitily to-night."

The honest-souled Quaker rushed over

flung his arms round the neck of that young Popish friar, kissed him like a child, and cried out, "Thank God! thank God!"

Thus entered Father Mathew on that work with which his name is so memorably associated, thus began that wonderful moral revolution which was soon to startle the kingdom—*New Ireland.* By A. M. Sallust.

TURKISH SOLDIERS.

There are cowards and malingerers in all armies, though in the Turkish there are but few. Our estimation of the common soldier increased daily as we became more intimate with him. He is by nature a gentleman, always polite, cheerful, and brave. We saw regiments under all conditions. Even when the men came in weary, fatigued, and fasting, we have seen them ordered on to fight, and they have gone without a murmur. We have met them in the mud and among the snow at Schipka, where they had been for weeks; we have been with them in victory and also in defeat; but they had always the same uncomplaining, faithful, manly honest and good-natured. Constantly one sees a wounded soldier, who has gallantly riden some of his comrades, take him off to the camp, and if hard pressed, we will separate, and make the best of our way to the picket."

"Yes," said I, "but I will ride for the village; and if hard pressed, we will separate, and make the best of our way to the picket."

So saying, we put spurs to our horses, and rode rapidly for the village whence we had come. We had not gone more than eighty yards or so, when three rebel horses dashed out from a clump of trees upon us, and the rats crowded about, and the heads saluted out in plumes like ants. At last, in spite of them all, I fell asleep. *The Country of the Moors.* By Edward Rose.

A VERY CRUEL CASE.

A man returned from Australia and brought with him his grown-up family and also considerable wealth. He opened a branch house in London in connection with his old business in the colony, shipping goods from here to there. A year or two after his opening the London house, the discovery of gold at Ballarat in New South Wales was made, and the Australian gold fever set in, with what

various many of readied will remember.

His colonial knowledge enabled him to ship judiciously, and he also shipped largely.

In some matter of business was concerned, a dispute took place that came for settlement in a legal court. The returned colonist was subpoenaed as a witness, entered the box to give evidence. The opposing counsel in cross-examination, suddenly, asked him a question that perfectly astonished the whole court.

"Were you ever transported?"

The witness was surprised at the question, and turned white and then red. He was a truthful man and on his oath.

"Yes! forty-three years ago, but under circumstances I can—"

"Never mind the circumstances, sir. The fact is all I want to know. I have no further question to ask this witness."

The poor fellow was debared the right of making explanation—though that came out when too late. There was the naked and ghastly fact. Forty and three years ago, when quite a lad, he had been found guilty of felony and transported. That was quite enough for virtuous society, both commercial and fashionable. The man's credit was ruined. In a month he was in the *Gazette*, for everyone rushed at him who had any dealings with him, and pulled him to pieces for money. In the months he died of a broken heart. His ventures and estate were all sacrificed, as such things are in bankruptcy, and the property he had honestly earned in Australia went to the winds of heaven.

Afterwards the whole of the facts of the case came out to a few who had known him here, but who never for one moment ever suspected he had worn a convict's dress.

When quite a young man at college, he and a young nobleman started from Oxford on an outing, as many young collegians did in those days; and they hired for their purpose a horse and gig. They drove from place to place, and at last found themselves at Bristol, short of cash, and their leave from college close to expiring. At Bristol they could get no funds. Post was slow in those days. In an evil moment they determined to sell the horse and gig to defray their hotel bill and pay their fares back by coach to Oxford.

Our horses, however, had been out for hours, while those of our partners were quite fresh.

"We must separate," said I quickly. "Ride off to the right; and I will go straight on," as I thought that by so separating we might perhaps divert our pursuers, and one or other of us would have a chance of getting off. They immediately turned off to the right, though still heading for the village. This ride was fortunate enough for me, as it gave me the chance to get away, and so I did, though not without some difficulty, as they were close behind me. Our horses, however, had been out for hours, while those of our partners were quite fresh.

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